COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF BUFFALO TRAIL WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. OF ROBERTSON AND MASON COUNTIES, KENTUCKY, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, FOR AN ORDER APPROVING ISSUANCE OF EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS

) CASE NO. 95-217

ORDER

On September 14, 1995, Buffalo Trail Water Association, Inc. ("Buffalo Trail") filed a letter, which will be treated as a motion, requesting that the final Order in this case of July 27, 1995, be amended by the Commission. The Order in question granted Buffalo Trail a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to proceed with a proposed construction project consisting of about 5.9 miles of 6-, 4-, and 3-inch diameter pipelines and related appurtenances, and approved Buffalo Trail's financing plan consisting of a \$85,000 loan from KACOLT and a contribution from the applicants for service of \$21,445.

Buffalo Trail proposed to amend the Order to approve the construction of an additional .8 miles of 6-inch pipeline at the additional cost of \$25,000. \$20,000 of the additional cost would be financed through a lease agreement between Mason County Fiscal Court and Buffalo Trail for 15 years. The remaining \$5,000 would come from the additional applicants for service. Buffalo Trail asked that the Commission accept as built plans for this additional construction after completion.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that:

- 1. Buffalo Trail seeks to amend the Order to include the approval of an additional \$20,000 in financing. The loan originally approved by the Commission in this case was for \$85,000. The additional financing, when compared to the original financing, is too substantial to be approved simply by amending the Order.
- 2. Buffalo Trail seeks to amend the Order to include the approval of an additional \$25,000 in cost. The cost of the project as originally approved by the Commission was \$106,445. The additional cost, when compared to the cost of the original project, is too substantial to be approved simply by amending the Order.
- 3. Buffalo Trail states that engineering plans for the addition are underway but not completed, and requests that the Commission accept such plans after the extension is completed. It is not the policy of the Commission to grant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity without appropriate documentation.
- 4. Buffalo Trail's request to amend the final Order in this case should not be granted.
- 5. Buffalo Trail should seek authorization to construct the \$25,000 extension and approval of its plan of financing for the project through a separate case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Buffalo Trail's motion to amend the final Order in this case to include the approval of additional construction and financing is denied. Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of October, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director